

(d) control means for disabling said correcting means in the case that said image pickup means is not converting the optical image into the electrical image signal and not outputting the electrical image signal.

13. Apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein said correcting means comprises a variable angle prism.

14. Apparatus according to Claim 12, further comprising monitor means for displaying the electrical image signal output from said image pickup means.

15. Apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said monitor means comprises an electronic viewfinder.

16. Apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein, when no image is output to said electronic viewfinder, said control means moves said correcting means to a position where a decentering amount with respect to the optical axis becomes zero, and thereafter, disables further movement of the correcting means.

17. A video camera apparatus comprising:

(a) image pickup means for converting an optical image on an image pickup plane into an electrical image signal;

(b) detection means for detecting a shake of said apparatus;

(c) compensating means for compensating a movement of an image caused by the shake on the basis of an output of said vibration detection means;

(d) displaying means for converting the image signal output from said image pickup means into an image, and for displaying said image; and

(e) control means for disabling said compensating means in the case that said image pickup means is not converting the optical image into the electrical image signal and not outputting the image signal to said displaying means.

18. Apparatus according to Claim 17, wherein said detection means physically detects a vibration of a body of the video camera.

19. Apparatus according to Claim 17, wherein said compensating means comprises a variable angle prism which varies an optical axis, and a drive circuit for driving said variable angle prism, and wherein said variable angle prism is disposed at a head portion of a lens optical system of the video camera body.

20. Apparatus according to Claim 17, wherein said control means automatically places said compensating means into an operation state when said detection means detects that vibration of a body of the video camera exceeds a predetermined level.

21. Apparatus according to Claim 17, wherein said control means turns off power of said compensating means when said image pickup means does not output an image pickup signal.

22. Apparatus according to Claim 17, wherein said displaying means comprises an electronic viewfinder arranged in the video camera.

23. A video camera control apparatus comprising:

- (a) an image sensor for converting an optical image of an image pickup plane into an electrical image signal;
- (b) detection means for detecting a relative movement between a video camera body and an object;
- (c) compensating means for compensating the movement on the basis of an output of said movement detection means; and
- (d) control means for disabling said compensating means in the case that said image sensor is not

converting the optical image into the electrical image signals and not outputting the electrical image.

24. Apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said detection means physically detects a vibration of a body of the video camera.

25. Apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said compensating means comprises a variable angle prism which varies an optical axis, and a drive circuit for driving the variable angle prism, and wherein said variable angle prism is disposed at a head portion of a lens optical system of a body of the video camera.

26. Apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said control means turns off power of said compensating means when said image sensor does not output an image pickup signal.--

REMARKS

Consideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 12-26 are pending in the application.
Claims 12, 17, and 23 are independent.

The title, abstract, and specification have been amended to correct minor, informal matters. No new matter has been added.